

**MARTINSVILLE PLAN COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2006**

Chairman David Barger called the meeting of the Martinsville Plan Commission to order at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 2, 2006, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Martinsville, IN.

ATTENDANCE: Those members present were:

David Barger, Chairman
Terry Collier
Ross Holloway
Grady Howard
Mike Kirsch
Marilyn Siderewicz, Secretary
Joanne Stuttgen
David Trout
Richard Walters
Tom Williams
Rod Bray, Attorney

MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 24, 2006, meeting were approved upon a motion by Richard Walters and a second by Terry Collier. Motion passed unanimously.

P-06-02-01. Kelly D. and Melissa J. Collier, John C. and Cathy I. Neal, 70 Lewis Place, Martinsville, IN.

Requested Final Plat Approval for Section Two of Patriot Place, 2720 Old Morgantown Road, Martinsville, IN.

Ross Drapalik made the presentation to the Plan Commission. Mr. Drapalik distributed drawings of the Patriot Place subdivision. Final Plat Approval of Section One was in June 2003. He told the Commission the cul de sac would be terminated and the street right of way would be left for future development. Any approval would be conditional on getting the construction drawing submitted to the city and approved by the city engineer before the plat is recorded. Since this property had started development prior to the new drainage ordinance, they would like to be "grand fathered" in under the old ordinances because that was the way the concept had been developed.

City Engineer Ross Holloway said he had no problem with this request but he could not speak for the county and this would be under the county's jurisdiction. The city would require a letter from the County Drainage Board saying this would meet the county's requirements or a letter waiving the drainage requirements. Mr. Holloway said the final plat met the city standards with a couple of small changes.

REMONSTRATORS: None.

MOTION:

Ross Holloway made a motion to grant Final Plat Approval for Section Two of Patriot Place, 2720 Old Morgantown Road, Martinsville, IN. This motion was made contingent on construction drawings being approved, the construction being completed or bonded, and the County Drainage Board either giving approval of the drainage or a letter waiving the drainage requirements. The motion was seconded by Tom Williams and passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Joanne Stuttgen spoke to the Plan Commission concerning preserving the historic sections of the city. She had met with some representatives of Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana about the desire to bring in some people from other communities to talk about what they are doing in other communities to address this type of issue. They had helped her to lay out a plan. What she would like to do is to talk with some people from other communities that have already dealt with this issue in various ways. She would like to propose that the Commission members take a field trip to one of these communities to talk with them and see what is happening in that community. This would take some money, and she had located a grant that would help to pay for this. It is called the Historic Preservation Education Grant and it is available jointly through the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana and the Indiana Humanities Council. Since the date for submitting was March 1, she had already submitted a prospectus form (see attached sheet). We can request up to a \$2000 grant, which would require a local match. It can come in the form of cash or in the form of volunteer services. She said she was willing to volunteer her time and services to organize and develop this project.

DISCUSSION:

A lengthy discussion followed concerning the historical sections of the city.

MOTION:

David Trout made a motion to ask the City Council for matching funds of \$2000 and for the city to be the sponsor for the Plan Commission regarding the Historic Society grant. The motion was seconded by Joanne Stuttgen and passed unanimously.

Terry Collier asked what had taken place with the house and building on Washington Street. Mr. Holloway said that particular property had not been divided but was as it has always been. However, while investigating that property, he discovered there was one at 889 E. Jackson which required checking into. The owner of the property at 889 E. Jackson had been in contact with Mr. Bray. Mr. Bray stated that it had been divided and this should not have been done. They have now contacted Attorney Pete Foley and he will be coming back to the Plan Commission to ask for permission.

Mr. Holloway suggested that Chairman Barger write a letter to the Morgan County Auditor requesting that they not accept any deeds for division of property in the jurisdictional limits of Martinsville without appropriate authorization by the Plan Commission. Chairman Barger confirmed that he would take care of this matter.

Terry Collier asked about the property at 183 North Jefferson. Discussion followed concerning the property at 183 North Jefferson. Mr. Bray reported that this property is going through foreclosure and bankruptcy litigation.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled meeting will be at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

David Barger, Chairman

Marilyn Siderewicz, Secretary

Douglas Arthur (ABSENT)

Grady Howard

Rod Bray, Attorney

Richard Walters

Ross Holloway

Joanne Stuttgen

David Trout, Vice-Chairman

Tom Williams

Mike Kirsch

Terry Collier